



**Chinese Professional Club
Minutes of the Meeting of
Officers and Members
June 1, 2009**

A CPC Officers' and Members Meeting was called by President Garia Hui on Monday, 6/1/2009 at the New Dong Thanh restaurant.

- Among those present were: Garia Hui, James Tang, Cecil Fong, Jack Joe, Vicky Chin, Anita Dawson, Irene Joe, Peggy Lum, Elizabeth Tang, Virginia Wong, Peter Leung, Jeffrey Tang, Suzie and John Jacobson, Gene Wu, Peter Lau, Stephan Wong, Yijing Sun, June Xu, Philip and Chen Sun, Deanna Lau and Sue Cheung.
- Absent: Jarvis Cheung (among officers)

The meeting was called to order by Garia Hui around 8:20 p.m.

1). New Members

Garia announced seven new life time members (June Xu, Steve Tsang and wife Emily Law, Suzie Luu Jacobson, Chi-Ping Peter Lau; Yijing Sun and mother Zhenge Zhao), and two new regular members (Gene Wu and Anthony Shieu).

2). Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Jarvis Cheung, Garia presented the Treasurer's report. From 4/27/2009 to 6/1/2009, Income of \$1,250 was received as compared to expenses totaling \$18,731.90, which included \$18,000 contribution to the Fund Inc. With a beginning balance of \$18,717.92, the ending balance is \$1,236. Including the Chevron check, received and deposited on 6/1/2009, ending balance is \$2,736.02.

Of note is that Jack Joe has three membership checks on hand.

3). Fund Inc. Board Meeting

Garia reported that at the recent Fund Inc. Board Meeting, it was suggested that Fund Inc. carry D & O liability insurance. The annual cost would be around \$1,100. Coverage would be \$1 million and would cover personal liability for both CPC and Fund Inc.'s officers. James Tang, Eric Chai, Mitchell Lou, and Garia Hui will discuss this matter next week and get back to the Club.

At the Fund Inc. Board Meeting it was recommended that the budgeted scholarship award for 2010 will remain at 2009's level -- \$16,500.

CPC and Fund Inc. will remain two separate entities. CPC will entrust all incomes and expenses related to the Annual Scholarship Ball to the Fund Inc. treasurer.

CPC will continue to handle all the financial matters related to the Asian Scramble Golf Tournament.

Consideration is being made to designate CPC as a 501 (c) 6 non-profit entity. Philip Sun will form a committee to look into this matter.

4). Social Events.

Philip Sun outlined the following:

- Wine tasting – organized by John Loh, scheduled in July. Possible theme is Asian wines.

- Golf Tournament scheduled for Saturday October 17, at Tour18 Houston, located at 3102 FM 1960 East, Humble, Texas. Last year was a money making activity, raising some \$1,200. A down payment of \$300 has been paid.

- Book Talk. Possible for this year and will be coordinated with OCA (Debbie Chen). Possible book is Myth of the Model Minority.

- Culinary presentation and class to be conducted by Peter Leung's son and his girl friend. Date is in the month of August. Theme will be pastry and baking.

Other social activities may be a financial seminar; and a presentation of the healthcare system, to be presented by Aeneid Chen, M.D.

5) Scholarship Ball.

First, Jack Joe emphasized that the Gala dinner will be moneymaking for the forthcoming year. He provided the following summary:

- Dates would be either 2/20/2010 or 2/27/2010.

- Two locations are doable, either the Westin Galleria or the Marriott Hotel at West Chase.
The Westin Galleria. Jack has received the draft contract and the menus. 2/27 is available, and the deadline for contract signing is 6/5/2009 to lock in the date. Otherwise, someone else can get the date if the \$2,000 deposit is made. A deposit of \$2,000 is required and a minimum engagement guarantee is \$15,000. The menu cost per person is \$45 per person (including gratuities).

The Marriott Westchase – only 2/27/2010 is available. The minimum engagement guarantee is \$12,000. Additional information regarding the menu and price will be

received. The ballroom has been renovated. Peggy Lum, Garia Hui and Jack Joe will schedule a visit soon to look at the renovation and menu.

- Of note is that the Hilton at Post Oak does not have availability on the two designated dates, but the cost per person is only \$35.

The Omni Hotel was suggested but not being considered, given the higher \$19,000 minimum.

- Gifford Nielsen (sports anchorman) and Craig Biggio are being considered as speakers or Gala Co-Host. Lucy Noland, Alana Gomez Dong or Andrea Nguyen may be the mistress of ceremony.

Other speakers/honorees may be Brian Ching (soccer) or Michael Wong, Sheriff Department Major.

- Gala ticket costs will be \$75 per person (before 1/1/2010) and \$100 per person thereafter.

6). Community Support

CARE (Chinese American Relief Efforts) will be organizing a school supply drive. It is asking CPC for a \$200 co-sponsorship and participation in a booth at the Chinese Community Center on 7/4/2009. The majority of the attendees voted for the \$200 sponsorship. Garia Insurance will match CPC's \$100 donation for this effort.

7). Donation

Garia presented a \$1,000 check to James Tang, Treasurer of The Fund Inc. Donation came from Garia's friends, Theodore and Naiyana Vora. Garia would like to reserve the option of using this \$1,000 towards a gala table for the Vora's family.

8). Other Business

On Tuesday June 16, Jack Joe will be inducted to the head post of the American-Chinese Post 596. All are welcome. Please RSVP by June 11. The hosting place is China Garden, 1610 Leeland. Time is 7 p.m. Cost for the 9-course meal is \$20 per person. This is also the annual VA dinner to thank the VA Hospital Administrators.

Jack Joe will check with Annie Mak to see if the October China Trip is still scheduled as originally planned. Only a few, possibly 6 people have signed up to go.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Minutes submitted: Victoria Chin, 6/3/2009.